

EBMUD
FOLSOM SOUTH CONNECTION PROJECT
Scoping Meeting for Concerned Citizens as to
issues that should be addressed in the EIR

Issues raised by concerned citizen Joe Waidhofer

1. Should this multi-million dollar pipeline even be under EIR and Engineering Study before the total project determination for transporting and storing of the EBMUD American River contract water is made?
2. It is understood that little or no water would be available to EBMUD in drought years through the Folsom South Canal at their Grant Line Road Diversion location in Alignment #1 for the pipeline. Also a storage reservoir will be needed somewhere for the American River Contract water to be useful to EBMUD customers in drought years. Just where will this Alignment #1 pipeline take wet year water and put it into storage for use during drought years? Will that storage be in another proposed Buckhorn Reservoir? Will it be in the overdrafted San Joaquin County ground water basin? Will it be in an enlarged raised Pardee Reservoir? Does it make sense to know ahead of time where the water will be stored before arbitrarily making EIR studies and Engineering construction plans on a water pipeline that may not lead conveniently to the later determined water storage location?
3. Is the EBMUD staff considering utilizing some or all lower quality Sacramento River water (possibly taken at near Freeport or below the mouth of the American River) and back pumping the water somewhere into Alignment #1 as EBMUD'S contract supply? Again, where would the dry year storage reservoir be located for this lower quality water operation? Would storage be necessary?
4. Has EBMUD staff determined whether lower quality Sacramento River is acceptable to a majority of the EBMUD customers? If Sacramento River is now acceptable to EBMUD retail customers, would Delta Water (possible at the Bixler diversion location) now also be acceptable to EBMUD customers? Should this be determined in the EIR? Would the diversion of EBMUD'S contract water at Bixler be a far less costly operation than constructing the Alignment #1 of the Folsom South Connection and taking Sacramento River water? Should all these water quality and water storage questions be determined before moving ahead with a Folsom South Canal Connection pipeline? Might not the pipeline be found to be at the wrong alignment if constructed without these answers?
5. Would Alignment #2 of the pipeline (from the terminus of the FSC to the Mokelumne Aqueducts) developed with a conjunctive water use project with the East San Joaquin Parties (ESJP) be more acceptable by all parties concerned, more cost effective and environmentally productive for everyone concerned?
6. Would not the environmentally damaged overdrafted ground water basin be environmentally benefitted as well as the EBMUD customers be served from this storage basin in drought years by this alignment (Alignment #2) of the Folsom South Connection Pipeline?
7. Should the EIR for the proposed pipeline answer these questions before starting engineering studies on pipeline?